A Poet's Corner were filled with valentines. One of the merchants told me this was the best ralentine market in North Dakota; said But Yet In Valentines

by ROBERTUS LOVE

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HE poet and the two in onewas stalled in a lively little city in North Dakota. He was doubly stalled, being

both snow bound and broke. Either chain would sold him for some days to come. To get out of town he had first to get out of his botel by paying his bill. This, 20wever, was a delicate secret which ae had no intention of sharing with his landlord, who looked upon him as s celebrity. But geiting out of town was impossible even to a multimilliontire. The railrouds were tightly tied ap in all directions by vast drifts of packed snow in the deep cuts, and the snow was still falling and still drift-

It was not his own fault that the poot and the faminy man was fundless. He had counted upon reaching the sext town and collecting a fat fee for in entertainment which he was to give there before his mency gave out. Now, te know that he would miss his date and that he must "jump" 460 mortal miles to his next engagement, and he must buy railroad transportation for the jump. The poet was melancholy over his prospects, and even the funny man was feeling almost blue. It is a aundy thing to be a funny man as well as a poet, for the ability to appreciate the humor of a situation-well, that helps some.

But now the faculy part was all bured, like the trains in the snow packed guts, and it was only the melancholy poet who sat he the office of the Grand Central hotel and looked blue. Non- stand meet valentines, Band whore shahardly he claused at the big calenzhalantly he glanced at the big calenfar above the clerk's desk. The letters on the sheet rend, "February 10."

"Huld" the post grunted. "Close to Ft. Valentine's day, but I guess there'll be no valentine for me. Wires all 56wn. Can't get in touch with the losture bureau or anybody else for the touch' that I so long for. I'm here for week snyhow if this snow keeps up and just 30 cents in my pocket. Well, I teel like 30 cents." And here the funny man came up to the surface for a brief

Just then a long buired individual mearing a wasp wasted overcont that your lateliest, Bard. We'll give this reached from ears to heels entered the store retrebant a corner on valtotal office and walked up to read the sentines." futner on the register

"Ha!" he elsembated. Then he strade ever to the post and extended a long, ean and theed with truly professional

greet the districted at prot and his titles. Notice how the people are morist. Mr. Janes Alexander Bard: stabiling out here in the snowsterm to

"Brothers in distress," remarked the

Feeper meaning.

What is, Mr. Bard, I'm dead broke.

"Only too happy, Mr. Blank, but." akewise in an undertone, glancing sidewise at the smiling hotel clerk across



"UP HERE WE'RE CELEBRITIES." the room. "I have 30 cents and a postage stamp. Might let you have the

rtamp. "Funny situation," said the chalk

talker.

"Awfully." agreed the funny man, aughing a muffled, mournful laugh. "What are we going to do about it, Blank?" anxiously inquired the poet, with a long face.

"Oh, we'll see. Let's take a look tround town."

Arm in arm the two platform entertainers went out into the whirling. swirling, sweeping snow. They strode down the main street-persons of their profession, you know, always strideand glanced into the store windows.

"By Jove! Not a valentine on sale in the whole blessed burg!" exclaimed | ly: the chalk talker. "Why, I was here last year about this time, and the stores

were filled with valentines. One of the everybody bought and sent valentines, from the buby to the oldest inhabitant, What can be the matter?"

A glummer of intelligence pervaded the post's constensine.

"Valentines all snow bound, like us," he contured. "Didn't get in before the

blazard, I guess. Then a light that never was on sea funny man - | or land illumined the features of the chalk talker. He struck an attitude that was striking indeed.

"Bard," he cried, his voice vibrant with a vast joy, "here's an idea that will get us out of the hole and out of town if the snow ever melts!"

don't see it." dolefully replied the

Hat St Valentine's day only four days off and not a valentine in town. Bables bawl for valentines. Girls giggie for em. Men mourn for 'em. You're peet I'm an artist. You write serions poetry-sentimental stuff; also funmy poetry. I draw fancy pictures; also



tamay partures. My managers call me in the country, and horses and servthe lightning artist Are you a light ante and jewels and all that makes life et of blackberries, and walked toward ning poet?

Well, you know I get my reputation by writing a column of verses every day to a newspaper.

"Sure. Now listen Here's the bigthe merchant-how's this for a big notion?- and give him a corner."

"A what? This store is already on a

On say Shake the kinks out of

Yes-poet's corner, so to speak. See? You write the posity; i'll draw the pictures. See the possibilities? You and I wen't cut insich of a figure down in the hig rities, but up here we've celebe

wavelet with home to reduce, some of a discorplatform dates. Sec P.

At last the post saw, with the aid of the family man.

The conspirators entered the store. My distress, however, is deeper Half un hour later they emerged, each than yours, I imagine," said the chaik | carrying a triplicate copy of a contract after in a combinatial undertone, which assured him a third share in the profits of the venture. The merchant and if you could manage to let me was to serve as press agent, do the paid advertising, keep mum as to the contract and let them do the rest.

> Four busy nights and days followed for Messes. Bard and Blank in their rooms at the hotel. Blank drew valentines and Bard wrote valentine poems by the hundreds.

By the morning of Feb. 11 the whole town was aware and agog. It was an event, an epoch. The two daily papers, carrying full page advertisements, vied with each other in giving free news space to the novel experiment.

"The celebrated poet and artist," editorially remarked one of the papers, "have kindly consented to see that this town, in spite of the distressing storm, shall not go valentineless. Art and genius come to the aid of love. They re indeed our friends in need."

When the funny man in a moment's respite from the poet's terrific labors glanced at this squib he doubled up with laughter.

"We are indeed in need," he said softly, "but they don't know it, and if Mr. Merchant keeps his agreement they won't."

As the valentines fell like autumn leaves from pen and pencil they were displayed in the big show windows. The sale was like a bargain rush. Toward the last the autograph valentines were auctioned off. The bidding was most spirited. One of the poet's most touching quatrains, written and signed in exactly two minutes, on a big sheet, with a red heart drawn and signed by the chalk talker in thirty seconds, was knocked down to the town's most eligible bachelor for \$30. A "comic" which hit the fancy of the new postmaster because he perceived that it would "hit" his late hated rival went for

\$7.50. And a train got in the day after St. Valentine's! As poet and chalk talker paid their bills from the \$271.10 which each received as his share of the proceeds from this nefarious scheme the funny man came out boldly from temporary retirement and murmured soft-

"O poesy, what crimes are committed in thy name!"

A Woman

By TON MASSON



he put his arm around her, while his hand and he held her so close that ber fair hair forehead, he

said: "My dearest, I have been thinking the most out of it. Quite appropriately, we shall start on St. Valentine's day. We shall not hurry, but go as the whim seizes us, and you can choose your own route-London, Paris, Rome. the Rhine, anywhere you say."

And she replied, looking far off, with a certain wistful gaze:

"What do I care about all that, dear, so long as I know that you love me?" Then he went away and pondered slowest man would be shot. was not quite right somehow. It did had been taught to expect. And the his enemy, the next night he came again and said "Darling, when we are married we denied you Money shall be no obteet "

And she replied very simply: "Ah, my dearest, what does all that | Each was waiting for the other's

And again he pondered her reply and the firing would begin. seemed too good to be true, And one again he came back and said:

homes, I know, one in the city and one came through the bushes with a buckbeautiful All these shall be yours." And she smiled gnyly as she replied:

"As if I cared, dearest! As you love me, all my heart is satisfied."

And the man went away again, pon- all over these old fields. gest notion store in town. We'll see dering more deeply, for still he was not | The horses never stopped, and Ed ed So the next night he said: "Deat, I find that I have given you a jogged along.

wrong impression. Careful examina-



"AH MY DEAREST, WHAT DOES ALL THAT MATTER?

tion of my assets convinces me that we shall have to begin in a very small way-a short trip to Niagara, a seven room that and ten days' vacation in the summer. What do you say? Is it all right? And a tear stood in her eye as she

replied: "I was afraid something was wrong.

for new I know you do not love me!"

A Funny Valentine

By FRANK H. SWEET

DID you ever find a Valentine Beside you in your bed, When you heard your papa saying, "Wake up, my sleepy head! Wake up, wake up! your eyes will shine To see your funny Valentine ?"

DID you ever have a Valentine All soft and warm and sweet, With a little rolly poly head And mites of hands and feet-

Wrepped up in a flannel, oh I so tight,



WITHOUT A TOOTH TO BITE ITS BREAD.

DID you ever have a Valentine (My sakes! I want to laugh) So heavy that they said it weighed Just nine pounds and a half, Without a tooth to bite its bread Nor any bair upon its head ?

I HAD one just this morning And 'twas such a sweet surprise To hear my papa saying, "Wake up, dear sleepy eges ! This funny little Valentine Is mamma's baby, yours and mine !"

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Such was the word passed by two men prominent in Kentucky neighbrushed his borhood, through a friend of both.

For weeks the two carried guns in good shooting condition, ready over our wedding trip and trying to for firing on the spur of the moment. plan the details so that you will get Friends on either side kept the two out of each other's sight.

> But on a summer's morning while Birdsall was coming from town he saw Clayton coming along the road.

Both were horseback. Both grew pale and cool, for the time, the crueral moment had come, -when the

over this admission, thinking from the | They were a hundred yards apart. deptim of his man's experience that it The horses walked. Each man looknot seem so human, so girl-like, as he ed straight ahead, with his eyes on

Slowly the distance between them shall have a home-a real, true home. grew less, until they looked each oth-And you shall furnish it yourself, dear, or squarely in the face, only ten feet just as you want it. Nothing shall be apart. With eyes cold and hard each man watched the other - right hand, which rested in his coat pocked.

matter so long as I know that you love hand to move even an inch. and then

ideal love that his heart so craved. It other. Both men rose in their saddies, ready to draw their guns-and My beart's own, you would like two just at that moment a young girl Lat Birdsall, her father, saying, "Oh, pap, let me ride behind you] home! I'm so tired! I've walked!

satisfied. One more test," he exclaim-ed. So the next night he said:

The horses never stepped, and Ed nice in effect. No griping, no pain, Clayton raised bis hat as his animal Just a gentle laxative effect that is

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